

Amendments to the Figures

Attached are drawing sheets for newly-added figures 5-11. These figures correspond to figures 1-7 of U.S. Patent application number 09/745,982, filed December 12, 2000 and entitled "A BACKPLANE PROTOCOL," which was incorporated by reference in the present application. The figure numbers and reference numerals have been changed to be consistent with the present application. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Attachment: Added drawing sheets

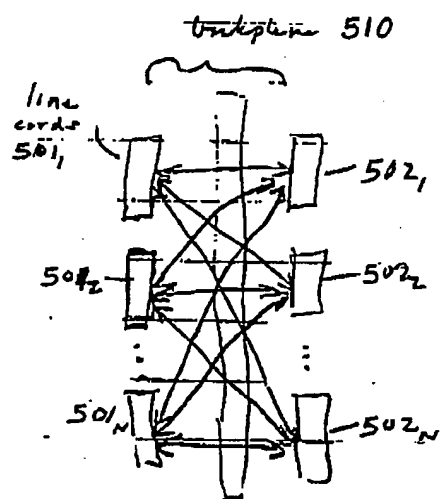


FIGURE 5

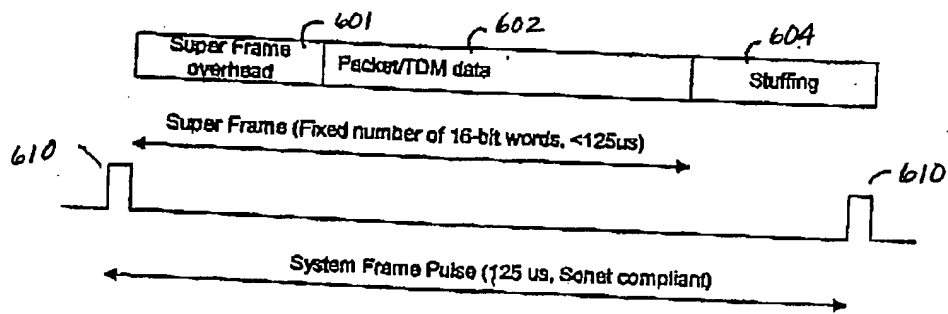


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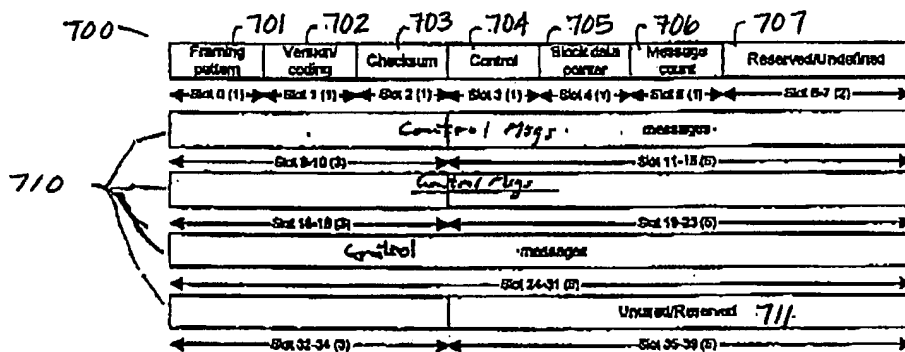


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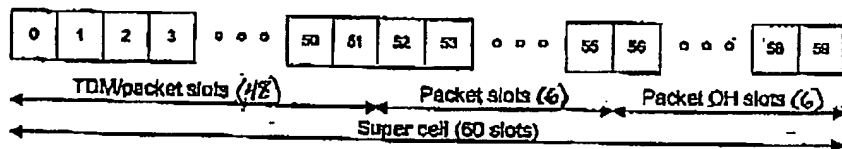


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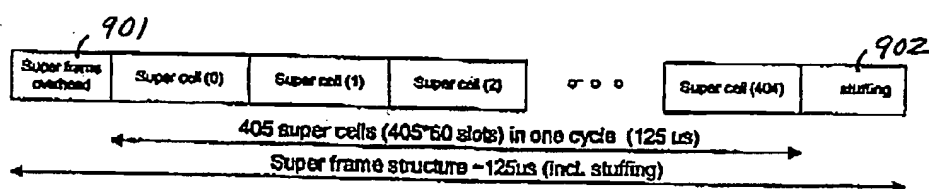
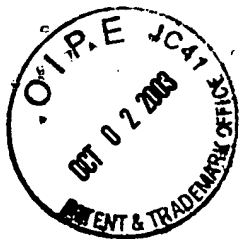


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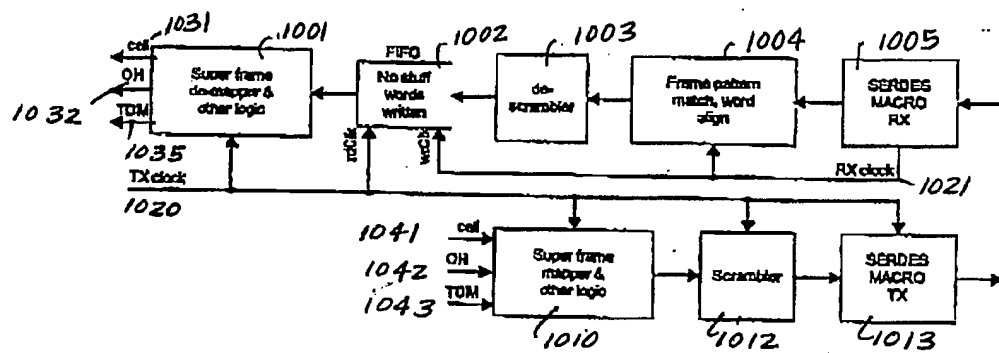


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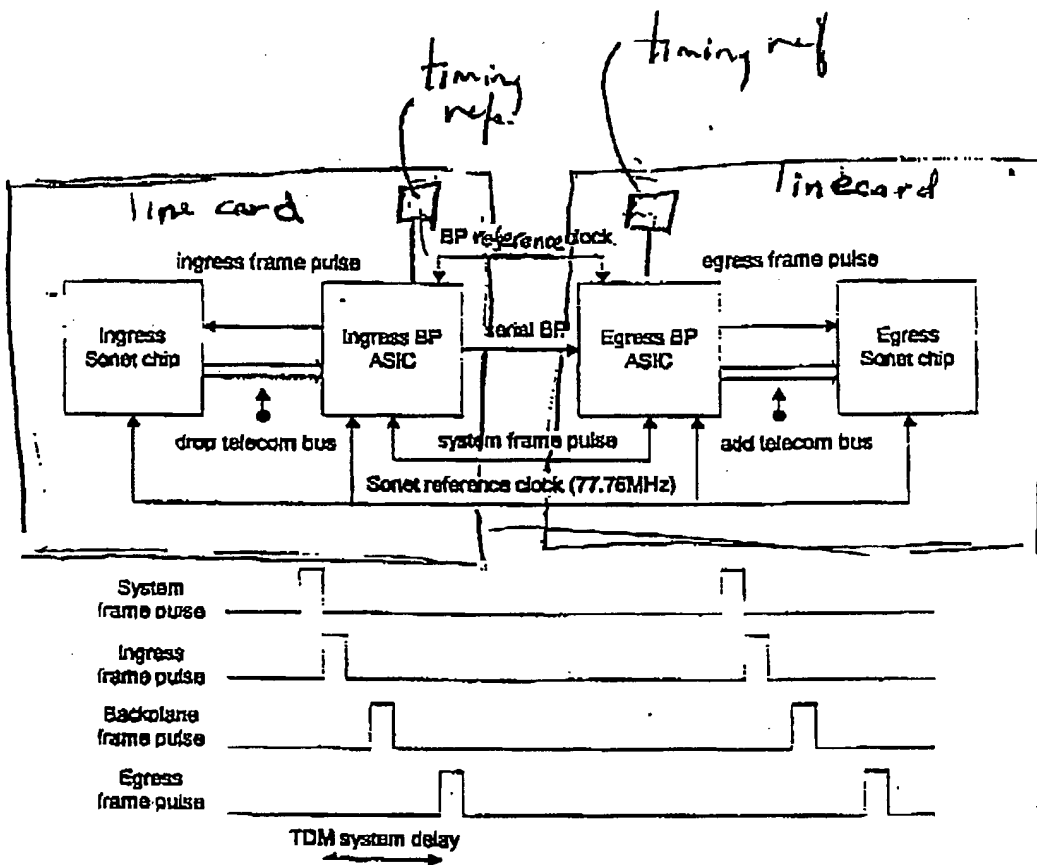


Figure 11